

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
Minutes of Meeting

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A meeting of the Washington State Board of Optometry was called to order at 1:00 p.m., on March 12, 2004, by Thomas Riley, O.D., Chair. The meeting was held at the Hilton Seattle, 1301 6th Avenue & University Street, Seattle Washington, in the Taku-Chinook Room.

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Thomas Riley, O.D., Chair
Lund Chin, O.D.
Mary Lou Staples, Public Member
Richard Ryan, O.D., Chair
Jeffrey Sutro, O.D.
Ben Wong, Jr., O.D.

STAFF PRESENT:

Donald Williams, Executive Director
Gail Yu, Assistant Attorney General
Judy Haenke, Program Manager
Melissa Quirke, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sherri Egashira, O.D., Optometric Physicians of Washington
Stephanie Paul, O.D., Optometric Physicians of Washington
Susie Tracy, Wash. Academy of Eye Physicians & Surgeons
David Stanfield, O.D., Optometric Physicians of Washington

ORDER OF AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of one request for continuing education reporting extension added to Item 5.

1.2 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 5, 2003, meeting were approved with the following additions and corrections.

Item 2.2 on Page 4: Change "Singe" to "Single".

Item 5 on Page 5: HIPPA was changed to HIPAA

Item 6 In Washington, under the current tier system, existing licensees and candidates are not required to apply for a license at full prescriptive authority.

Item 10 Dr. Ryan spoke briefly about the national trend to require licensure to be obtained at the highest level available in that state so as to avoid multiple levels, or tiers, ~~or of~~ licenses. ~~which~~ The presence of tiers may confuse the public and other entities such as insurance companies and might also limit the mobility of practitioners.

Item 18 Dr. Ryan stated that the boards and commissions are the bodies whose members ~~that~~ are most appropriate to ~~know what was the~~ evaluate whether damage that was suffered, and the patient and doctor's actions under the particular circumstance described. ~~what was the patient's action and what was the doctor's action.~~ Without the knowledge of the peer practitioners, facts related to a case may be overlooked or may slip through the cracks allowing an unqualified person to continue to practice.

The minutes of the January 28, 2004, meeting were approved as written.

2. IMPLEMENTATION OF ORAL PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY

2.1 Report on the status of proposed rules for training requirements and designation of an oral drug list, guidelines and changes to the approved drug list. Timetable for certifications.

Rules designating training requirements were approved by the Board at the Board of Optometry rules hearing on January 28, 2004. The final Rule Making Order, CR-103, was filed on February 5, 2004.

Proposed rules setting forth the oral drug list, guidelines for use of oral drugs, and a process for changing the oral drug list and guidelines have been filed for an April 23, 2004, Board of Optometry hearing. The hearing will be held at the Department of Health Kent office. Members of the Board of Pharmacy will be attending. In the absence of delays, the final Rule Making Order, CR-103, could be filed by May 7, 2004. The rules would then be final by June 8, 2004. Notices will be sent to licensees.

2.2 Advanced Ocular Therapy video session. The Board will consider a request for completion of the required didactic coursework through video production.

On behalf of the Optometry Physician of Washington (OPW), Dr. David Stanfield inquired whether the Advanced Ocular Therapy didactic portion could be video

taped and presented, via videotape, to licensees on September 9-10, 2004, for those who did not attend the March session in Seattle or the July 15-16, 2004, session in Spokane. A faculty member of the Pacific University will be available to answer questions and to proctor the exam.

During discussion, the Board expressed concern that a video could not address new advances in the field and that a video presentation may be impersonal. Following discussion the Board agreed to approve a video presentation for September 9-10, 2004, only, provided a qualified instructor from an approved optometry program was present to respond to questions and to proctor the examination.

2.3 Testing for supplemental education. The Board discussed whether testing for supplemental education to augment the Oregon State Advanced Ocular Therapy course is required and whether video tape of the course could be presented on April 29, 2004.

Optometric Physicians of Washington is currently planning a mini course to provide training in dry eyes, anti-emetics and anti-anxiety medications for those individuals who have taken the Oregon didactic Advanced Ocular Therapy Course. David Stanfield, O.D., posed two questions to the Board regarding this course:

- Is an exam required?
- Can the course be video taped in March for presentation in April 2004 during the supervised clinical portion of the training?

Regarding the video presentation, Dr. Stanfield also indicated that a faculty member could be available to respond to questions.

Following discussion, R. Richard Ryan, O.D., made the following motion:

Those persons who are taking the one-hour supplemental course to augment the Oregon Advanced Ocular Therapy course must complete a five to nine question exam on the information covered in the supplemental material. The motion was carried with Drs. Ben Wong and Thomas Riley opposing.

The Board approved the request for a video presentation on April 29, 2004, only on the supplemental course for those who have taken the Oregon Advanced Ocular Therapy course, provided a quality faculty member was present to respond to questions.

2.4 Curriculum at approved colleges of optometry. The Board will review responses from approved colleges as to whether the college's current coursework incorporates the requirements of the oral certification course.

A letter was sent to all approved schools and colleges of optometry. Schools were asked whether their curriculum includes those courses required by Washington State for oral certification and for epinephrine injection and which graduating class first had the advantage of those courses.

It was not clear from the responses whether the schools were providing separate dates relating to education for oral prescribing and injection of epinephrine or whether the response grouped the two categories as one.

The Board instructed staff to contact the schools and clarify the original request.

- 2.5 The Board will review a letter from Robert W. Nash, M.D., regarding the proposed draft oral drug list.

Robert W Nash, M.D., President of the Washington Academy of Eye Physicians and Surgeons, by way of letter on February 12, 2004, reiterated the position of the Academy that the formulary should be a specific formulary of drugs rather than a formulary including categories of drugs. Dr. Nash also suggested that it would be best to limit the use of epinephrine for anaphylactic shock to a subcutaneous route of administration.

Dr. Riley will draft a letter to be sent to Dr. Nash in response to his concerns.

- 2.6 Updating the oral drug list and guidelines. Jeffrey Sutro, O.D., presented his proposal for the process to change the oral drug list and guidelines.

The Board considered Dr. Sutro's proposal and approved the proposal with minor modifications. The proposal outlines the process by which the list and/or guidelines may need to be updated due to the approval of new medications or classes of medications, the reclassification of existing medications, or changes in the clinical practice whereby an existing medication or class of medications begins to be used for treatment of the human eye or adnexa. Any changes would continue to be through consultation and approval of the Board of Optometry and Pharmacy in open public meetings.

3 REPORT BY DONALD WILLIAMS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Williams discussed proposed legislation that would affect health care providers. Mr. Williams also reinforced the caution in the use of e-mail communications among members of professional boards. State law requires the public's business to be conducted openly.

4. OPTOMETRY BOARD SEMINAR

The Board coordinated the final arrangements for the postgraduate seminar to be conducted on March 14, 2004.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

The Board considered a letter from Cory R. Hansen, O.D., requesting exemption from the oral drug certification training based on his 2003 graduation from Illinois College of Optometry. The Board instructed staff to advise Dr. Cory that the matter is under consideration and once a determination has been made regarding course curriculum of approved schools, he will be advised of the Board's decision.

Curt Oland, O.D. requested an extension of time to provide required continuing education credits. Based on Dr. Oland's request, the Board extended the reporting period to August 1, 2004. Hours used to meet the 2002-2004 reporting requirement may not be used in a subsequent reporting period.

6. REVIEW OF CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

The Board approved the following continuing education courses:

"New Advances in Glaucoma Therapy", a lecture by Joseph Pham, M.D., presented by Pacific Cataract and Laser Institute on January 21, 2004, in Tacoma, Washington. Course approved for 2 hours.

"Malpractice in Eye Care: What you should know" a lecture by John Guadnola, J.D., submitted by Pacific Cataract and Laser Institute, presented on February 11, 2004, in Tacoma, Washington. Course approved for 2 hours.

"Migraine and Dystonia: diagnoses effectively treated but often missed" a lecture by Patrick Hogan, D.O., submitted by Pacific Cataract and Laser Institute, presented on December 3, 2003, in Tacoma, Washington. Course approved for 2 hours.

4 hours of continuing education was approved under WAC 246-851-160 for literature review and summaries prepared by Gregory Manion, O.D.

10 hours of continuing education was approved (the maximum allowed by WAC 246-851-160) for literature review and summaries prepared by Randall Jech, O.D.

7 hours of continuing education was approved (WAC 246-851-160) for literature review and summaries prepared by Neil Eberhardt, O.D.

4 hours of continuing education was approved (WAC 246-851-160) for literature review and summaries prepared by Sheri Steele, O.D.

The Vision Expo West Conference and Exhibition 2004, held March 25-28, 2004, in New York City, New York, course that are COPE approved or at the post-graduate level will be approved.

“Optometry CEU Seminar” submitted by Virginia Mason course held on February 5, 2004, in Seattle, Washington. Course approved for 2 hours.

“Low Vision and Rehabilitation Symposium” presented by the Casey Eye Institute in Portland, Oregon on March 20, 2004, approved for 7 hours.

5 hours of continuing education was approved for each doctor who participated in a VOSH trip to Guatemala February 2-4, 2004.

2 hours of continuing education was approved for the professional commentary written by Dan David, O.D. for the journal for the Optometric Physicians of Washington, Washington Optometry Today.

Paragon Advanced Clinical Training Web Seminar submitted by Dan David, O.D. was approved for 1 hour.

“Northwest Congress of Optometry” submitted by The Optometric Extension Program was held on February 28-28, 2004 in Forest Grove, Oregon was approved for 12 hours.

“Contemporary Care of the Macula” submitted by The Optometric Retina Society. Course to be held on May 16-18, 2004 in Boston, Massachusetts was approved for 15 hours.

“Baby Boomers & The Future of Presbyopia” submitted by Group Health to be held May 4, 2004, in Seattle, Washington was approved for 2 hours.

“The Heart of America Contact Lens and Primary Care Congress” was submitted and approved for 54 hours. Course was held on February 13-15, 2004, in Kansas City, Missouri.

“2004 Spring Ophthalmology Update” submitted by the Spokane Eye Clinic was approved for 4 hours.

6.2 Selection of reviewer for the next quarter.

Jeffrey Sutro, O.D., will review continuing education courses in the interim until the Board’s next scheduled meeting on June 4, 2004. Lund Chin, O.D., will serve as back up.

7. TIER LICENSING IN WASHINGTON

Jeffrey Sutro, O.D., provided his comments and recommendations regarding a uniform level of licensure. Dr. Sutro proposed legislation to specify a three-stage process for bringing all optometrists in Washington up to a uniform level of licensure. Staff will develop a legislative request to be submitted to the Department of Health.

8. UPCOMING BOARD VACANCIES

There are three Board positions that will expire on September 18, 2004. A notice will be sent to the interested persons list and to the Optometric Physicians of Washington to advise of the status of the Board positions. The positions include Ben Wong, Jr., O.D., Jeffrey Sutro, O.D. and Lund Chin, O.D.. Both Dr. Chin and Dr. Sutro will seek reappointment.

9. BUDGET REPORT

The Board considered revenue and expenditures for the month of January 2004.

10. ASSOCIATION OF REGULATORY BOARDS OF OPTOMETRY ANNUAL MEETING

The Board recommended that Jeffrey Sutro, O.D. attend as a voting delegate at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry to be held in Orlando, Florida on June 19-22, 2004.

CLOSED SESSION

11. **REVIEW OF LICENSING APPLICATIONS**

The Board approved two candidates for licensure.

12. **DISCIPLINARY CASE REVIEW**

The following cases were considered:

CASE NUMBER	DISPOSITION
2004-02-0001OD	Closed
2003-10-0004OD	Closed, no violation determined
2003-12-0001OD	Closed, insufficient evidence
2003-07-0001OD	Notice of Correction
2003-06-0002OD	Closed. No whistleblower release.
2004-01-0001OD	Closed. No violation determined

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Judy Haenke, Program Manager

Approved:

Thomas Riley, O.D., Chair